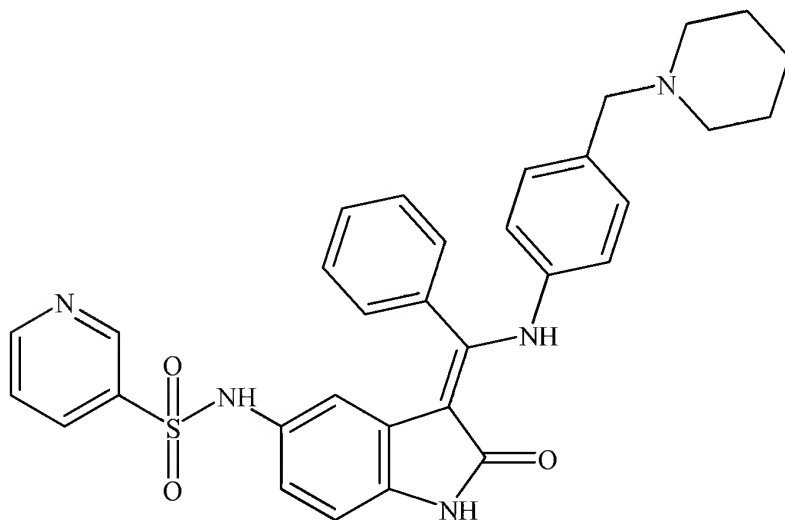


RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION FILED

It is requested that the election of a single disclosed species previously made in the paper filed on November 8, 2005 be considered revoked and that it be disregarded. The reason for this request is that exactly the same species was mistakenly elected in co-pending application Serial No. 10/646,423. (The present application and co-pending 10/646,423 are both divisions of Serial No. 10/002,939, now U.S. Patent 6,638,965.) Election of the same species in both divisions would lead to the claims in both applications being directed to the same subject matter. Of course, this is not a result desired by either the applicant or the Office.

It is requested that the Examiner enter, instead, the election of the following single disclosed species: (Z)-3-{1-[4-(piperidinomethyl)-phenylamino]-1-phenyl-methylidene}-5-(pyridin-3-ylsulphonylamino)-2-indolinone.

The elected species is a compound having the following chemical structure:

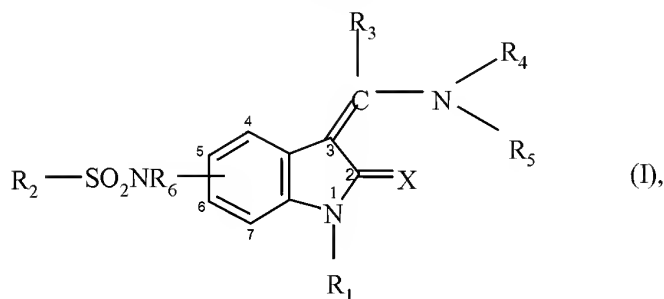


The elected species is described on page 68 of the application, in the third row of Table II on that page. For the convenience of the Examiner, that row of the table is reproduced below.

	pyridin-3-yl	piperidinomethyl	(2,3,4,5-tetra-(piperidinomethyl)-phenylamino)-1-phenyl-2-methylindole-5-(pyridin-3-ylphenylsulfonylamino)-2-imidazole	236
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However, it should be noted that the chemical nomenclature employed in the table is not correct. Due to a typographical error, "phenyl" has been inappropriately inserted between "pyridin-3-yl" and "sulphonylamino". The specification is amended (infra.) to fix this defect.

The elected species is a compound of the formula I



wherein:

- X is an oxygen atom,
- R₁ is a hydrogen atom,
- R₂ is a pyridin-3-yl group,
- R₃ is a phenyl group,
- R₄ is a phenyl group substituted by R₇,
- R₅ is a hydrogen atom,
- R₆ is a hydrogen atom, and
- R₇ is a piperidinomethyl group.

On the basis of this new species election, it is assumed by the Applicant that the elected invention for search and examination will be deemed by the examiner to be the products of the formula (I) wherein:

X, R₁, R₃, R₅, R₆ are as found in claim 1;

R₂ is a pyridinyl group,

R₄ is a phenyl or naphthyl group substituted by R₇, which may additionally be substituted by a chlorine or bromine atom or nitro group; and

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R7 is a C1-3-alkyl group which is substituted by a piperidino group which may be substituted by one or two C1-3 alkyl groups, which may in turn be terminally substituted by a hydroxyl, amino or C2-4alkanoylamino group, or by a C5-7 cycloalkyl or phenyl group and by a hydroxyl group and in the above mentioned piperidino group a methylene group adjacent to the nitrogen atom may be replaced by a carbonyl group.

The outstanding Office action is responded to herein on the basis of the assumption that the Examiner will deem the elected invention to be as described above.

The undersigned attorney offers his most sincere apology for any inconvenience that this new election may cause the Examiner or the Office.

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SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the third row of the table on page 68 with the following amended table row.

	pyridin-3-yl	piperidinomethyl	(Z)-3-{1-[4-(piperidinomethyl)-phenylamino]- 1-phenyl-methylidene}-5-(pyridin-3- ylphenylsulphonylamino)-2-indolinone	236
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